

REMARKS

The Official Action of April 6, 2007, and the prior art relied applied therein have been carefully studied. The claims in the application remain as claims 19-36, and these are submitted to define patentable subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The drawing has been criticized as not showing reference numeral 11. Accordingly, reference numeral 11 has been cancelled from the specification.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to reinsert the reference numeral "11" at a later date, and to correct the drawing at that time.

The examiner is thanked for noting the typographical error in claim 25, which is corrected above.

Claim 19 has been rejected as anticipated by Heaston. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Heaston relates to a portable support for a breast prosthesis in the form of an inflatable bladder. It is not a pillow as claimed.

Withdrawal of the rejection is in order and is respectfully requested.

Claims 19-21 and 29-32 have been rejected as obvious from Howe et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Howe relates to a design. There is nothing disclosed which would have made it obvious to modify the Howe design, e.g. the shape or the material, to provide the claimed subject matter.

Withdrawal of the rejection is in order and is respectfully requested.

Claims 22, 27 and 33-36 have been rejected as obvious under §103 from Howe in view of Glenn. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Even if the combination were obvious, the resultant reconstruction would not correspond to even claim 19, let alone claims 22, 27 and 33-36 which depend from and incorporate the subject matter of claim 19. For example, the oval shape as called for in claim 19 would not be obvious from the proposed reconstruction.

Withdrawal of the rejection is in order and is respectfully requested.

Claims 23-25 have been rejected as obvious under §103 from Howe in view of Glenn and further in view of Bernard. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Bernard concerns non-analogous subject matter. The type of support needed for an upholstered seat is not the same type of support as would be desirable in the present invention, or for that matter in either of Glenn or Howe, and therefore the proposed combination would not have been obvious. Moreover, even if the combination were obvious, not conceded, it would not even reach the subject matter of claim 19 for the reasons pointed out above, claims 23-25 incorporating the subject matter of claim 19.

Withdrawal of the rejection is in order and is respectfully requested.

Claim 26 has been rejected as obvious under §103 from Howe in view of Glenn and Bernard and further in view of Schick. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the same reasons as pointed out above with respect to claims 24, 23, 22, 21, 20 and 19, incorporated within claim 26.

Withdrawal of the rejection is in order and is respectfully requested.

Claim 28 has been rejected as obvious under §103 from Howe in view of Schick. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 28 incorporates the subject matter of claim 21, which incorporates claim 20, which incorporates claim 19.

The proposed combination, even if obvious (respectfully denied), would not reach claim 28 for the reasons pointed out above.

Withdrawal of the rejection is in order and is respectfully requested.

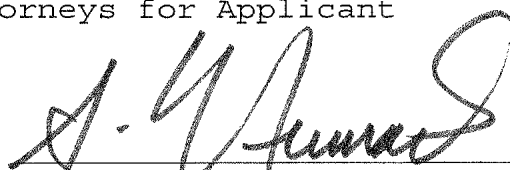
The prior art documents made of record and not relied upon by the PTO have been noted, along with the implication that such documents are deemed by the PTO to be insufficiently material to warrant their application against any of applicants' claims.

Applicant believes that all issues raised in the Official Action have been addressed above in a manner that should lead to patentability of the present application. Favorable consideration and early formal allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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